BANGALORE DISTRICT.

No. 38.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 16TH MAY 1925, AT 5 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present 21. | Absent 9.

Ordinary Subjects.

17. Consideration of the petitions received from the inhabitants of the Bangalore City, protesting against the proposed enhancement of water tax, vacant site tax and tolls and proposed levy of fresh taxes on hotels, coffee clubs, cinemas, theatres, etc., for financing the improved City Water Supply.

There were about 100 ratepayers present at the meeting, when these petitions were taken into consideration.

At the outset, the President brought to the notice of the Council, that a petition from some of the ratepayers of the Third Division, bearing about 35 signatures, asking for the postponement of the consideration of the subject to the 23rd instant was found in the petition box. After reading the petition, it was resolved that it might be recorded.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah opened the discussion by explaining in Kanarese, the recommendations of the Special Sub-Committee appointed by the Council on 16th February 1925 to consider ways and means of financing the scheme of improving the Water Supply, Bangalore City and the several resolutions of the Council on these recommendations of the Committee. He said that as the petitions received did not disclose any constructive proposals, except some incorrect statements and inconsistent arguments of a general nature, they might all be submitted to Government as required under the rules. He added that Mr. B. L. Byanna had been a member of the Sub-Committee and had signed its report without indicating any dissent whatever from it and that it was strange to find him as an organiser of the so-called protest meetings.

Mr. Belur Sreenivasiengar said that so far as he had consulted the tax-payers, he was convinced that they welcomed the measures proposed by the Municipal Council, that one or two persons with the ulterior object of personally attacking him, were spreading all sorts of mischievous rumours against the proposal and that although he was an elected member from the 2nd Division, he knew nothing about the so-called protest meetings held there and that no credence need be attached to these meetings, which did not represent the citizens most of whom have absolutely no objection to the measures proposed by the Municipality.

Mr. B. L. Byanna said that the consideration of the objection petitions might be postponed as he desired to read all the petitions. This was seconded by Mr. V. Venkatesiah.

Messrs. P. Subbarama Chetty and C. N. Narasinga Rao said that the petitions covered almost the same general ground, *viz.*, that the control of the Water Supply should continue to vest in Government, that Government must bear the entire charges of improvements etc., and that taxes should not be raised. They also remarked that a few of the petitions might be read out and the question disposed of.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah observed that it was not fair to deprive the tax-payers who had mustered strongly from the different divisions of the City from acquainting them with the details of the scheme and that since Mr. B. L. Byanna took a leading part in the so-called protest meetings with his friend Mr. B. Abdur Rahmon, he should be taken to be aware of the contents of the petitions more than any one else and on that account, the consideration of the subject should not be postponed.

On hearing these arguments, Mr. V. Venkatesiah, who had seconded Mr. B. L. Byanna's motion, withdrew his support from it and it was accordingly declared lost for want of a seconder.

Mr. B. Abdur Rahmon requested that the petition of the Basavanagudi people and the petitions received from the Ulsoorpet and Second Divisions, might be read in full to know the views of the petitioner. This request was acceded to, as Messrs. B. L. Byanna and W. H. Hanumanthappa also made the same request.

The President remarked that all the petitions had been circulated among the members of the Council. When questioned by the President, Messrs. R. Gopalaswamy Iyer, W. H. Hanumanthappa and B. Abdur Rahmon said that they had all read the petitions. The above said petitions were then read in *extenso*. Messrs. R. Gopalswami Iyer, W. H. Hanumanthappa and B. Abdur Rahmon took part in the discussions. The Council found that the objections preferred in the said petitions were all alike.

Mr. G. Parmasiviah then proposed and Mr. Belur Sreenivasiengar seconded the following proposition:—

Resolution.—"Resolved that, as in the opinion of the Council, the petitions and protests do not disclose any definite proposals, either to amend or alter the proposed changes in the system of taxation adumbrated in the resolutions of this Council at their meetings held on

the 26th February 1925 and 7th March 1925, the Council accordingly hereby confirm the same, without any modification and submit the same to Government under Section 60 of the Municipal Regulation with all the relative papers, including the petitions and protests received and the notices and rules issued by the Council in this behalf."

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Sindia proposed the following amendment which was seconded by Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar :—

"In consideration of the petitions from the public protesting against the levy of new taxes in the City Municipality of Bangalore City, the Council after due consideration decide to raise a loan of only 5 lakhs of rupees and that of the many taxes proposed, the raising of the water tax be dropped and the rest to be supplemented by Government.

Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao spoke at length on this amendment and said *inter alia* that its adoption would mean modifying the Council's original well considered and well knit scheme, such tinkering with it would necessitate a republication of the revised scheme in the *Gazette*" under the law and that this would mean loss of time and further inconvenience the citizens, whose hardships in regard to water were already great.

President thereupon made an elaborate speech in Kanarese, explaining the entire gard to Water Supply in Bangalore City from its first inception and pointed out t was in the interest of the people themselves that immediate action should atter. He said they might, if they so chose, abandon the proposed scheme, ith it as proposed by Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Sindia, as it would mean thought out scheme, prepared after mature consideration of the whole posi- referred to certain incorrect statements made in some of the petitions that een raised and the water tax had been increased to 5 per cent, etc., and inds of the taxpayers present in these and other allied matters.

tax payers, a respectable old person, rushed into the meeting and explained als of the Council were fair and just and that the people welcomed the

t ruled that such interruptions were against the rules and that perfect aintained by the public attending the Council Meeting.

numanthappa read Section 74 of the Municipal Regulation, which em to impose taxes and remarked that he supported Mr. M. Ramachan- a's amendment.

ayavadana Rao, with the permission of the President, pointed out the futility ment and made an impressive speech quoting several authorities. He said that nt w ermitted to take action under Section 74, the Council would have been and it would, under the Law, be debarred from altering the impo- by Government, whereas he pointed out, if the Council proceeded under and its proposals were accepted by Government, it was open to the Council to mend the taxes proposed, whenever they chose and make fresh amendments to them.

G. Siddaveerappa observed that a few persons were spreading misleading rumours the citizens and their conduct was reprehensible.

he President besought the Council not to introduce heat, but to consider the subject in a peaceful and cool manner

Mr. P. Subbarama Chetty questioned whether it was a fact that the Warter Supply was a gift from the Royal House as stated by one or two members.

The President replied that there was nothing in the record to substantiate this statment.

Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao traced the history of Water Works and said that it was an incorrect statement. He also said that there was nothing in the voluminous records pertaining to the Water Supply question to substantiate this statement. The scheme now proposed by the Council, was he said, identical in character with that originally proposed by Sir K. Seshadri Iyer, the father of the City Water Supply Scheme.

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Sindia, after hearing these several speeches made, was convinced of the futility of his amendment and withdrew it, with the permission of the Council.

Mr. D. Venkatramiah then proposed and Mr. S. Venkataramaiengar seconded Mr. G. Paramasiviah's proposition be put to vote, as the matter has been sufficiently discussed and it was nearly 9-30 P. M.

Mr. B. Abdur Rahmon remarked that the proposition of Mr. G. Paramasiviah be further discussed. He said that Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Sindia's amendment was long debated and that without further discussion, Mr. G. Parmasiviah's proposition should not be put to vote.

The President desired to know the opinion of the Council whether Mr. G. Paramasiviah should be further discussed or put to vote. The proposition of Mr. D. Venkatramiah was put as an independent motion to the vote and was carried by 'For' and 6 'Against.'

Messrs. B. L. Byanna and B. Abdur Rahmon demanded a poll, which was allowed by the President. The following eleven Councillors voted 'For.':—

1. The President, 2. Mr. D. Venkataramiah, 3. Mr. C. Hayavadana Rao, 4. Mr. P. M. Basappa, 5. Mr. G. Siddaveerappa, 6. Mr. S. Venkataranga Iyengar, 7. Mr. N. V. Kalyanpur, 8. Mr. G. Muniyappa, 9. Mr. Belur Sreenivasiengar, 10. Mr. G. Paramasiviah and 11. Mr. M. C. Chicknanjundappa.

The following voted 'Against':—1. Mr. C. N. Narasinga Rao, 2. Mr. B. L. Byanna, 3. Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar, 4. Mr. W. H. Hanumanthappa, 5. Mr. B. Abdur Rahmon, and 6. Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Sindia.

The proposition of Mr. G. Paramasiviah was once again read and put to vote by the President and declared carried *nem con.*

No. 39.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL C
BANGALORE, HELD ON SATURDAY THE 23RD MAY 1925, AT 8 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present ... ... 21 | Absent ...

Subject No. 1.—Letter No. L. 8358—Ml. 127-23-7, dated 20th May
Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments, calling for fu
tion in the matter of taking over the maintenance and operation of the Wate
1st July 1925.

The subject was discussed at great length and the following resolutions p
C. Hayavadana Rao and seconded by Mr. Belur Sreenivasiengar were ado
voting 'For' and none against.

Resolutions.

1. Resolved that the Council do affirm their resolutions, dated 7th Ma
ing to which they are to take over the maintenance of the City Water W
1926 or from such date as the Government will hand over the works to
after completing the improved scheme embodied in their said resolutions.

2. Resolved that the Council do inform Government that unless
scheme referred to above is completed and put through and handed over
it would not be feasible to take over the maintenance of the works.

3. Resolved that the attention of the Government be drawn to
said resolutions of the Council agreeing to take over the maintenane of the
from 1st July 1926 or from such later date as the works are actually handed over
pleted are entirely in accordance with the Special Committee's recommendations,
July 1920, *viz.*, that the Council should take over the maintenance of the works
expiry of six years from that date, *i.e.*, as from 1st July 1926, which had been
the Council on 6th November 1920, ratified by them in their resolution dated 6th
1922 and communicated to Government by the then President of the Council in his letter
dated 6th March 1924.

4. Resolved that Government be further informed with reference to their present letter (No. L. 8358—Ml. 127-23-7, dated 20th May 1925) that the Council reaffirm their previous resolution to take over the maintenance of the works as and from 1st July 1926, within which date they request the Government to complete the improved Water Supply Scheme and hand over the same to the Council. The Council further intimate to Government that they will in the meantime work out a scheme for providing maintenance and operation charges, both from the resulting gains from an improved Water Supply Scheme, from retrenchment of general expenditure, now incurred by it on the works and other heads of a general nature and from income derived under the improved resources of the Council. Government be also informed that the question of providing for the maintenance of Water Supply can only be worked out by the Council as soon as the Public Works Department
ked out a self-supporting scheme and have put it into operation and handed it over
ncil, as this will enable the Council to exactly know what charges it will actually
in this connection and provide for it from their funds. Government be further
ey have advisedly omitted the workig out of the maintenance charges
s impossible for them to gauge what the actual maintenance charges
ks *fait accompli* and whether on the basis of the maintenance charges
mpletion, the scheme will prove, as required by the Special Com-
by Government in their order on the Special Committee's report
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No. 40.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON SUNDAY THE 24TH MAY 1925, AT 8 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present ... 19. | Absent ... 11.

Ordinary Subjects.

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10. Government Order No. P. W. 2996-71 of the 4th April 1925, recording the capital and revenue accounts for the year 1923-24 on the Chamarajendra Water Works, Bangalore City.

Resolution.—Recorded with the observation that the Council do request the Government, in view of the new scheme of improved Water-Supply submitted by the Municipal Council for the approval of the Government, that the total deficit inclusive of direct, indirect and interest charges to the end of the year 1923-24, amounting to Rs. 69,16,526, be completely borne by Government, as per past correspondence with the Council in the matter during a period extending over 30 years.

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20. Letter No. P. 4829-46, (2) Prisons 79-23-2 of 11th March 1925, from the Secretary, Local and Legislative Departments, requesting that the Municipal Council may take steps to start an Association for providing facilities to discharged prisoners.

Resolution.—Resolved that the Council do record with sympathy the proposal of starting a Prisoners' Aid Society for the Mysore State.

Resolved also that steps be taken to get into touch with the Madras Prisoners' Aid Society and get all necessary information about the manner in which that society has been started and the way in which the same is being worked and financed from year to year including all literature that may be available; that on receipt of the same, the subject may again be brought up before the Council with a suitable scheme for founding an Association of the kind in the State.

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34. Reconsideration of the resolution of the Municipal Council in the matter of bearing full charges of the pay of the Health Officer from the Municipal Funds.

Resolution.—Resolved that the Council do bear the full charges on account of the pay of the present Health Officer.

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No. 41.

PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE HELD ON TUESDAY THE 26TH MAY 1925, AT 8 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present ... 16 | Absent ... 14.

Subjects.

1. The President read to the Council, the proceedings of a meeting of the Mysore Co-operatiove Propogandist Institute, Bangalore, heldupon the 25th instant in the hall of the New Vegetable Market under the presidency of Rajakarya Prasakta Rao Bahadur Mr. M. Shama Rao, for the purpose of starting a Co-operative Society for small traders of Bangalore City and particularly of the New Market and recommended for the favourable consideration of the Council the request of the institute for the grant of a room in the New Market free of rent for locating the Society.

Resolution.—Resolved that one room be given free of rent for one year for the present for the purpose.

2. Continuance of the working of tolls by departmental agency for another year from 1st July 1925, with the sanctioned establishment.

Resolution.—Sanctioned.

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5. Desirability of working the market collections departmentally.

Messrs. G. Paramasiviah, Belur Sreenivasiengar, S. N. M. Razvi and C. Hayavadana Rao spoke at length on the several advantages to be derived from working the market collections by departmental agency.

Messrs. G. Siddaveerappa and G. Muniyappa said that as the construction works of the New Market were yet incomplete and as the market was open on all sides, it would be better if the collection of market fees was leased out for another year.

Resolution.—(1) The question was then put to vote and it was resolved that the market fees be collected departmentally for one year for the present from 1st July 1925.

ten voting 'For' and 2 'Against'.

(2) It was further resolved that the following establishment be sanctioned for the purpose :—

1. One Mutsaddi on Rs. 35 a month.
2. Three peons on Rs. 10—1—12 a month.
3. Allowance to the Market Inspector Rs. 15 a month.
4. Printing charges, etc., Rs. 20 a month or, Rs. 100 a month.

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No. 42.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON THE 27TH JUNE 1925, AT 8 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present ... ... 25 | Absent 5

The President brought to the notice of the Council, the sad untimely and unexpected death of Desabhandu C. R. Das, Mayor of the Calcutta Corporation, which is a great loss to India, as a whole and said that a resolution be passed expressing condolence.

Messrs. D. Venkataramiah, Belur Sreenivasiengar and C. Hayavadana Rao, spoke in support of the motion proposed by the President.

The Council then passed the following resolution unanimously, all the Councillors standing :—

1. "Resolved that the Bangalore City Municipal Council do place on record their profound respect for the ardent patriotism, achievements and noble self-sacrifice of the late Desabhandu C. R. Das, Mayor of Calcutta and their deep sense of sorrow at the loss the country has suffered in his sad and untimely death on the 16th June 1925, at Darjling, and hereby convey to the bereaved members of his family, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolence.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Corporation of Calcutta and to the family of the deceased.

Resolved further that as a mark of respect, the Council do adjourn without proceeding to transact any other business."

2. Mr. D. Venkataramaiya then proposed and Mr. S. N. Seetharama Rao, seconded that as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Desabhandu C. R. Das, all the Municipal Schools and Aided Institutions be closed on Wednesday the 1st July 1925. This was carried unanimously.

No. 43.

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON MONDAY THE 29TH JUNE 1925, AT 5 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Present ... ... 24 | Absent 6

Proceedings of the Council Meetings held on 26th May 1925 and 27th June 1925, were read and recorded.

Urgent Subjects.

1. Presidents's note dated 29th June 1925, proposing a modification of the resolution of the Council No. 5, dated 26th May 1925, regarding the establishment required for collecting the gate fees at the Central Vegetable Market departmentally from 1st July 1925.

Resolution.—Mr. Belur Sreenivasiengar proposed and Mr. B. N. Vijayadeva seconded that the President's note read above be accepted in *toto*, that one Mutsaddy on Rs. 25 per month and six peons on Rs. 10—1—12 each per month be entertained, that the Market Inspector and the Market Sergeant be given an allowance of Rs. 10 and 5 each per month respectively and that necessary expenditure be incurred for printing tickets and other charges of non-recurring nature. This was carried unanimously.

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22. Memo No. 3690, dated 26th May 1925, from the Health Officer, recommending for permission being given to bury the parents of one Chickveerabhadria *alias* Gundappa, who has applied for same, in the Mutt built by his ancestors in the garden portion of Survey No. 8, Ranganathapur village.

Resolution.—Resolved that the permission asked for be given as a special case with the proviso, that the Mutt should not be converted into a family burial ground and that no further burials shall be permitted there. Voting 22 'For' and 1 'Against'.

MOHAMED ABBAS KHAN,
Honorary President.